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Ownership of Commercial Forest Land in Minnesota Counties

Public agencies control 56 percent of the commercial forest area in Minnesota. Farmers own 27 percent, and the remaining 17 percent is in industrial and other private holdings. These figures are from the forest survey of Minnesota made during 1947-1953 by the Office of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, and other cooperators.

The acreages in different ownerships in the heavily wooded northern half of the State were largely obtained from land-owning companies and public agencies. In the southern half they were estimated from a representative field sample. For some of the very lightly wooded counties in the southwestern part of the State, it was assumed that all commercial forest land is owned by farmers.

Generally, the accuracy of the estimates varies with the size of acreage reported--the larger the acreage the more reliable the figure.

(In thousands of acres)

County	Total commercial forest land area 1/	National Forest 2/	Other federal 3/	State 4/	County and municipal 5/	Industrial and other private 6/	Farm 7/
Aitkin	894	-	7	346	275	108	158
Anoka	46	-	-	*	-	6	40
Becker	348	-	34	23	81	62	148
Beltrami	1,220	49	313	399	167	104	188
Benton	49	-	-	*	*	*	49
Big Stone	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Blue Earth	38	-	-	-	-	-	38
Brown	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
Carlton	369	-	13	39	133	41	143
Carver	26	-	-	-	-	1	25
Cass	1,018	217	60	108	263	187	183
Chippewa	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chisago	68	-	-	3	1	8	56
Clay	19	-	-	*	-	-	19
Clearwater	380	-	76	23	82	63	136
Cook	723	460	39	106	17	94	7
Cottonwood	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Crow Wing	459	-	2	18	136	173	130
Dakota	37	-	1	1	-	9	26
Dodge	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
Douglas	42	-	-	-	-	*	42
Faribault	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
Fillmore	93	-	-	-	-	1	92
Freeborn	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
Goodhue	65	-	1	-	-	16	48
Grant	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Hennepin	31	-	*	-	1	11	19
Houston	122	-	7	-	-	3	112
Hubbard	441	-	*	72	135	117	117
Isanti	65	-	-	1	2	1	61

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County	Total commercial forest land area 1/	National Forest 2/	Other federal 3/	State 4/	County and municipal 5/	Industrial and other private 6/	Farm 7/
Itasca	1,458	265	11	286	393	335	168
Jackson	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Kanabec	166	-	-	8	62	9	87
Kandiyohi	34	-	-	-	-	-	34
Kittson	104	-	-	*	-	-	104
Koochiching	1,522	2	86	815	262	254	103
Lac Qui Parle	9	-	-	-	-	-	9
Lake	1,139	542	-	140	210	233	14
Lake of the Woods	555	-	85	353	*	54	63
Le Sueur	25	-	-	-	-	*	25
Lincoln	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Lyon	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Mahnomen	145	-	42	1	22	25	55
Marshall	226	-	11	22	46	17	130
Martin	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
McLeod	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Meeker	17	-	-	-	-	-	17
Mille Lacs	171	-	2	9	81	3	76
Morrison	243	-	28	8	76	2	129
Mower	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Murray	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Nicollet	19	-	-	-	-	-	19
Nobles	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Norman	41	-	-	-	-	-	41
Olmsted	47	-	-	2	*	18	27
Otter Tail	244	-	-	3	2	3	236
Pennington	63	-	-	*	-	-	63
Pine	526	-	1	72	207	99	147
Pipestone	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Polk	108	-	-	*	-	-	108
Pope	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Ramsey	7	-	-	-	1	5	1
Red Lake	53	-	-	*	-	-	53
Redwood	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Renville	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
Rice	21	-	-	-	-	2	19
Rock	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Roseau	370	-	4	162	14	58	132
St. Louis	3,234	660	36	447	918	859	314
Scott	26	-	-	-	-	5	21
Sherburne	58	-	-	2	-	7	49
Sibley	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Stearns	94	-	-	-	-	4	90
Steele	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Stevens	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Swift	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
Todd	165	-	-	2	17	18	128
Traverse	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Wabasha	62	-	1	1	-	7	53
Wadena	141	-	-	4	15	19	103
Waseca	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Washington	31	-	-	*	-	5	26
Watonwan	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Wilkin	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Winona	110	-	-	8	-	9	93
Wright	52	-	-	-	-	4	48
Yellow Medicine	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
State total	18,098	2,195	860	3,484	3,619	3,059	4,881

1/ Forest land that is (1) producing or physically capable of producing, usable crops of wood (usually sawtimber); (2) economically available now or prospectively; and (3) not withdrawn from timber utilization.

2/ Forest lands owned by the federal government within established forests or purchase units.

3/ Forest land under the control of the Office of Indian Affairs, Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Army, and General Land Office.

4/ Forest land in Congressional Grants, areas purchased or received as gifts, and land that has reverted to the State for nonpayment of taxes. Also land under long-term lease from the federal government.

5/ Forest land owned or controlled by the counties, cities, or villages, or school districts outside of platted districts.

6/ Forest land in individual and private ownership other than farmwoods.

7/ Woodlands in farm units, grazed or ungrazed, that are more than 10 percent stocked with commercial species of trees.

* Less than 500 acres.